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others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(* * * * * C L O S E D C I R C U I T A D V I S O R Y * * * * *)
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(* The following is an important closed circuit advisory. *)
(* Attention all bulletin stations. Newslite is once again on the *)
(* verge of bankruptcy and existing hand to mouth. We urgently *)
(* need your support to survive. *)
(* As we have said many times, the decision whether Newslite *)
(* stays or goes is yours. If you want this service to continue, *)
(* we will need your ongoing financial support, and it is needed *)
(* right now. *)

(* The address for the Newsline Support Fund is: *)
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(*) NEWSLINE SUPPORT FUND *)
(*) P.O.Box 660937 *)
(*) Arcadia, CA *)
(*) 91066 *)
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(*) This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number 965 *)
(*) for release on Friday, February 9th, 1995 to follow. *)
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The following is a QST

The FCC says it needs more money to do its job and support for the concept of an independent repeater spoc grows. These stories and more on Newsline report number 965 coming your way right now!

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FCC FUNDS LOW

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt says that telecommunications laws cannot be effectively overhauled and enforced without more money from Congress. Hundt told reporters on January 18th he would ask congress to give the FCC \$225,000,000 for fiscal year 1996. This is a 26 percent increase over its current budget.

Congress has provided the FCC with only \$165,000,000 for fiscal year 1996. The FCC's 1995 budget was \$186,000,000. The current \$165,000,000 figure is an 11 percent decrease from last year. Hundt faces an uphill battle in a Republican-controlled Congress that wants to hold down federal spending.

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FCC DENIES KV4FZ LICENSE RENEWAL

The FCC has acted to deny the application of Herbert L. Schoenbohm to renew his Amateur Radio license. Schoenbohm, who holds the call sign KV4FZ had his application to renew designated for public hearing after the FCC received complaints that asked his application be rejected. This, based on a federal court conviction several years ago a charge that he had in his possession a counterfeit telephone access device.

The decision against Schoenbohm was issued on January 26th by FCC Administrative Law Judge Edward Luton. Schoenbohm was given the usual thirty days to file a further appeal before the entire Commission. If they deny his renewal application, Schoenbohm's only option will be to take the matter into the federal courts. Schoenbohm has been heard on the air to say that he will fight to retain his license even if it

means going all the way to the Supreme Court.

If he fails to file in the required time period, the order becomes effective fifty days after its date of issue. Until that time, Schoenbohm is free to continue to operate on the air.

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SPOC RESPONSE POSITIVE

Efforts to develop a single point of contact between the nation's amateur repeater coordinators and the FCC appear to be making important progress. A committee of amateurs has released its recommendations on who should serve as the contact point. This has been a very controversial issue, it's one that could ultimately affect the repeaters you use for communication. At the center of the dispute is whether the ARRL should serve as contact liaison between coordinators and the Commission on coordination and interference issues. The controversy grew after an October 1995 meeting between coordinators, League representatives and the FCC. One group's reaction to the committee's recommendation is very positive.

The committee's report comes more than 3 months after a heated meeting, one that saw coordinators complaining of a railroad job in favor of making the League the single point of contact. But if what the committee proposes becomes reality, the League won't have that role. Instead, a council of amateurs would be created and called the National Frequency Coordination Council or NFCC.

"I think this is a good compromise" David Baughn, KX4I

Baughn is Frequency Coordinator for the Alabama Repeater Council. He says the Committee's recommendations are somewhat of a surprise.

"It's a little bit different from what the committee was charged to do, which was to develop a SPOC at the ARRL. However, I think that, that this is a good approach to the situation. The ARRL has said that they really are not interested in actually being the SPOC." Baughn

NFCC would receive start-up money and other support from the League. But the ARRL would not oversee or direct the Council's activities. That arrangement is considered likely to please coordinators who opposed having the League serve as the single point of contact. Coordinators from each state would be able to vote on key issues. The number of votes each state could cast would be based on the size of its amateur population, the more hams a state has, the more votes its coordinators can cast. Another committee recommendation could mean a major change affecting repeaters and other amateur radio systems nationwide.

"As it stands now the bottom line would be that eventually coordination would be required for repeater operation." Baughn

That means it could ultimately be illegal to put an amateur repeater on the air that is not coordinated. Baughn supports the committee on this idea, too. He says current rules making uncoordinated repeaters responsible for fixing interference problems are weak.

"Anybody that's had a repeater that had interference problems or been a frequency coordinator and has dealt with interference problems knows that's just not enough to get these situations straightened out." Baughn

Requiring repeaters to be coordinated would mean changing FCC rules governing the amateur radio service. Baughn says coordinators are currently discussing whether to ask the FCC to hold a rule making proceeding to make that happen.

Frequency coordinators across the country have 60 days to respond to the Committee's suggestions. Depending on what additional action is taken, the Committee could then proceed with plans to incorporate. The Committee's work may signal the beginning of a solution to the entire single point of contact issue. The Alabama delegation initially opposed the single point of contact proposal but later changed its position. And the Southeastern Repeater Association, SERA, which initially went on record opposing the idea has clarified its position. SERA now says it, too, can support a single point of contact if that liaison is made up of the nation's coordinators. The only question now. Will the ARRL will support and possibly fund an organization over which it will have absolutely no control?

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ARRL vs. AUTO LOCATION

The ARRL says no to limiting the 76-77 GHz band to vehicle radar systems. In comments on an FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making to temporarily remove hams from the band, the League tells the FCC to maintain existing ham allocations from 75.5 to 81 GHz to spur development of short-range high-speed data links.

Automobile manufacturers differed on the issue of continued Amateur Radio use of the 76-77 GHz band. Ford Motor Company opposes continued use of the band by hams. General Motors says that vehicle radar systems would not be adversely affected by continued amateur use of the band. Japanese automakers don't want to use these frequencies at all. They say they prefer 60-61 GHz for these systems instead.

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FUND ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

If you are one of those stations who gets to hear the closed circuit advisory that precedes the newscast, then you know that Newslines is once again in deep financial trouble. The problem is that there have been few donations of late. Heres a report from our support fund administrator, Andy Jarema, N6TCQ:

This month we heard from the Penntucket Radio Association of Haberville, MA, the Radio Amateur Service Club of Baton Rouge, the Wichita Radio Club and the Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club in California. Period.

As we move into the new year, keep in mind that the news is daily. Please remember that when you think about the only Amateur news service who brings you that news as it happens.

Remember that the clubs that support us with the club name, repeater call and service area get a mention during the newscast id break.

Andy will be back in about four weeks. Hopefully with far better news.

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SCHOOL CLUB PROVIDE COMMUNICATION DURING BLIZZARD

Yet another story of ham radio bravery in the wake of the Great Blizzard of 1996. As the storm hit New England the weekend of January 6-7, the Bethel Educational Amateur Radio Society of the Bethel, Connecticut Middle School got the call to action from the City Office of Emergency Management. The students operated around the clock to provide backup communication for the town and acting as a net control station for 34 surrounding towns in the greater Fairfield County area.

The club maintained vital communication links with the Area Office of Emergency Management in Bridgeport. They relayed weather information and prepared materials if emergency shelters were activated.

Using the call sign of their coordinator, Peter Kemp, KZ1Z, the group operated from the local fire department on both HF and VHF. They also have a club station at their school. A dozen students participated in the effort.

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HAMS HELP HEART ATTACK VICTIM

A group of Boy Scouts that included several hams lived up to the Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared". As a result, the victim of a heart attack is alive to talk about his ordeal.

It all happened during a wilderness outing last August. Dave Smith of Saratoga, California and his wife Janet were accompanying their younger son and other scouts on an eight-day backpacking trip into

California's Yosemite high country when Dave Smith experienced chest pain one day into the outing. Scoutmaster Paul Wesling, KM6LH, took Smith's vital signs and used ham radio to relay the information to the Yosemite emergency response staff. Smith was rescued and transported by helicopter to Yosemite Valley and then to Modesto, California, where doctors determined he'd suffered a mild heart attack.

Wesling says that ham radio is a standard part of his troop's outings. Both Wesling and Eagle Scout Rajeev Goel, KD6MXV, had VHF handheld radios along for the trip. As a result of their experience, Dave and Janet Smith are making plans to take one of the troop's Amateur Radio licensing classes. This way, they to will always be prepared.

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SUMMERS RECEIVES ARRL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ARRL Midwest Director Lew Gordon, K4VX reports that Bob Summers, K0BXF, has received the ARRL Lifetime Achievement Award plaque after more than 30 continuous years as Kansas section manager and section communications manager.

First licensed in 1955, Summers has held a variety of ARRL appointments, including Official Observer, Official Bulletin Station as well as Section Emergency Coordinator for Kansas.

He was appointed acting section communication manager for Kansas in 1965 and was successfully elected for every term up until his retirement last November.

Director Gordon, made the presentation at the Kansas State Convention one day after Bob turned 67.

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CB RADIO MAGAZINE

A few weeks ago we reported an unexpected and unprecedented resurgence in 11 meter Class D Citizens Band radio. Retailers say that more 11 meter CB sets were sold this past Christmas than in the past ten holiday sales seasons combined. On a percentage scale, CB is again one of the fastest growing radio services. And for the first time in almost two decades, CB radio now has a magazine of its own.

CB Radio Magazine is now available through subscriptions and on newsstands. The first issue contains a myriad of information for anyone who owns a CB radio or who is planning on buying one. And if you think that CB Magazine will be one of those short lived publications, you might want to guess again. CB Radio Magazine is the product of those same minds that bring you CQ Magazine, CQ VHF Magazine, CQ Contest and Popular Communications to name only a few. And, as the radio industry knows, the people at the helm of CQ Communications usually produce winners each time out.

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HAVANA MOON S.K.

Any ham that has regularly tuned outside of the HF amateur bands to listen to international broadcast or utility stations and has followed background stories on those stations in SWL publications probably has heard of "Havana Moon". Bill Godbey, KB200R, who's alter ego was the mysterious "Havana Moon" is now a silent key.

Godbey, a resident of Ossining, New York, died shortly after being diagnosed with terminal lung and liver cancer at the age of 59. He had not been feeling well since this past summer. His wife Christine Paustain got him to see a doctor just before Christmas. He was admitted to the hospital on New Years Eve and passed away on January 9th.

Under his "Havana Moon" pseudonym, Godbey wrote regular articles about some of the more unusual aspects of shortwave listening. Though his own research he exposed those mysterious "numbers" stations that seem to be everywhere in the spectrum as government run spy stations sending encoded messages to operatives in the field.

A broadcast veteran, Godbey had also been involved in a mail order company that specialized in shortwave memorabilia, a radio hobby news program called Signals, and more recently in an internet consulting company.

The March issue of Monitoring Times magazine will pay tribute to "Havana Moon" with a reprint of an early article by Godbey and a biography of him written by his wife who is also known as "Kristin Kaye".

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W1RJA S.K.

VHF veteran Ed Bristol, W1RJA became a silent key last December 1st. Bristol died in his sleep from a heart attack at age 64.

Active on 6, 2, 222 and 432, Ed had a commanding signal from his Connecticut QTH for over 30 years. A staunch supporter of the North East Weak Signal group from its inception, he had just been elected to its Executive Board of Directors

Ed Bristol is survived by his wife Rae, K1LXD.

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DX

In DX, 3A2MD, in Monaco reports she is on every day between 14:00 UTC and 16:00 UTC on 14.175 to 14.180 MHZ. QSL to Laura-Marcelle Martinez, 73 Bd du Jardin Exotique, 98000 Monaco.

And to the north, Industry Canada Quebec Region has authorized all Canadian hams to use special prefixes through February. This to mark

the 50th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust.

And in case you have not already heard, the ARRL Board of Directors has voted to add Scarborough Reef to the DXCC countries list. QSL cards for Scarborough will be accepted by the DXCC desk after April 1st. Cards received before April 1st will be returned without action.

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STS-76

Five schools have been selected for participation in SAREX during space shuttle flight STS-76. Launch is tentatively set for March 21 for a nine-day mission that will include the third docking with Mir.

Two or more students at each of the selected schools will get to ask the astronauts questions during scheduled SAREX contacts.

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ASTRONAUT HAMS MARRY

And finally, in what appears to be a "first" for ham radio and for the United States space program, astronauts Steve Nagel, N5RAW, and Linda Godwin, N5RAX, were married December 29. Steve and Linda flew together on STS-37 in April 1991. Both have appeared as speakers for ARRL at conventions.

Nagel was the commander aboard space shuttle mission STS-55 in April 1993 and operated SAREX. Godwin, a NASA Mission Specialist, operated the SAREX during mission STS-59 in April 1994. She flies again on STS-76 in March.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF at our editors desk, we say 73 and we thank you for reading.

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